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1. ON APRIL 18 EMBASSY RECEIVED CALL FROM MISS TILLY VAN DER WAAIJ, REPRESENTATIVE OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, ASKING US SUPPORT IN SECURING THE RELEASE OF RICARDO VILARO, WHO IS IN CUSTODY OF URUGUAYAN AUTHORITIES. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FROM AMNESTY, VILARO IS FORMER VICE PRESIDENT OF URUGUAYAN LABOR UNION CNT. HE HAS BEEN IN CUSTODY SINCE SEPTEMBER 10, 1973. ON APRIL 7 OF THIS YEAR HE WAS RELEASED PURSUANT TO JUDICIAL ORDER, ONLY TO BE PROMPTLY REARRESTED BY NAVY POLICE, FUSILEROS NAVALES.

2. VILARO CASE HAS RECEIVED SOME PUBLICITY IN THE NETHERLANDS, WITH AMNESTY'S GUIDING HAND IN STRONG EVIDENCE. SEVERAL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT THIS WEEK REQUESTED NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR IN MONTEVIDEO FOR ASSISTANCE IN SECURING VILARO'S RELEASE. VILARO'S WIFE, MARTA, AND THREE CHILDREN HAVE RESIDED IN THE NETHERLANDS SINCE SEPTEMBER 1975.

3. MFA CONFIRMS THAT DUTCH AMBASSADOR HAS ALREADY TAKEN UP CASE WITH URUGUAYAN AUTHORITIES.

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